

Herpes simplex IgG Antibody

Test Description	Qualitative assay for the detection of IgG antibodies to herpes simplex virus (HSV), type 1 and type 2 in human serum. This test does not differentiate between type 1 or type 2.
Test Use	As an indication of past infection with herpes simplex virus.
Test Department	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662, FAX (860) 920-6661
Methodology	Enzyme immunoassay (EIA)
Availability	Test is performed weekly.
Specimen Requirements	1 mL serum
Collection Kit/Container	To request collection kit, refer to Collection Kit Ordering Information.
Collection Instructions	Standard venipuncture technique
Specimen Handling & Transport	Store serum at 2-8° C. Transport with an ice pack coolant (preferable) or at ambient temperature. Avoid temperature extremes.
Unacceptable Conditions	Unlabeled specimens Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit Lipemic, hemolyzed, icteric or grossly contaminated sera
Requisition Form	Clinical test requisition (select Herpes Simplex IgG)
Required Information	Name and address of submitter (and/or Horizon profile #) Patient name or identifier, date of birth Specimen type or source of collection, date collected, test requested Please ensure patient name on the requisition matches that on the specimen.
Limitations	This test is not intended to diagnose current HSV infection or re-activation.
Additional Comments	A positive result indicates previous immunological exposure to HSV. IgG antibodies usually appear 1 to 2 weeks after onset of infection and persist at various levels for life.

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